

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the accompanying new Abstract of the Disclosure which appears on a separate sheet in the Appendix.

Page 1, before line 1, replace the heading "DESCRIPTION"

B1 [with the following new heading I-BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

Page 1, replace the paragraph beginning on line 14 and bridging pages 1 and 2 with the following amended paragraph:

B2 --In other words, the sound received by the microphone located at every equipped location gets to the centralised videoconference management device. This device shows all the attendants the image of the user that has generated the sound impulse. In such a way, all the attendants receive the image of the person that is speaking at that precise moment of time on their ~~serens~~ screens. It is therefore clear that if two or more users speak at the same time, the conference management device carries out image commutations on a continuous basis, causing considerable disruptions and chaos all along the course of the videoconference itself.--

Page 3bis, replace the paragraph beginning on line 14 with the following amended paragraph:

B3 --A fourth disadvantage of EP-A-0619679 is ~~the-i~~ that it does not provide means for substitute the audio signal of one or more user with the audio signal coming from a simultaneous-

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translation room that translate, in real-time, the discourse of  
the speaker in that of the user.--

Page 3bis, between lines 22 and 23, insert the  
following heading:

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--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

Page 5, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following  
heading:

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--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

Page 5, between lines 15 and 16, insert the following  
heading:

--DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--

Page 7, replace the paragraph beginning on line 15 with  
the following amended paragraph:

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--In so far as the apparatus apt to carry out the  
process so far described is concerned, within it there may  
substantially be envisaged a plurality of user-locations 2  
(fig. 1), which are remote and/or local, and of the multimedial  
or interactive type, possibly equipped with a  
codifier/decodifier, otherwise called CODEC, with an aggregator  
that transforms the analog audiovideo signal AV into a digital  
signal, and linked to a direction room 1 that exchanges a signal  
AV of the analog or digital audio visual type.--